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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE HIATUS IN REFUSENIK DEMONSTRATIONS

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SUMMARY: AS RESULT RECENT ARRESTS AND SOME SPECTATOR  
VIOLENCE DIRECTED AT REFUSENIK DEMONSTRATORS,  
WOMEN'S GROUP WHICH HAS ORGANIZED MUCH OF THIS  
RECENT ACTIVITY, IS INCLINED TO FOREGO FURTHER PUBLIC  
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DEMONSTRATIONS FOR NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS. END SUMMARY.

1. RECENT DEMONSTRATIONS ORGANIZED BY REFUSENIK  
WOMEN'S GROUP (REFTEL A DESCRIBES ITS INITIAL  
FORMATION) HAVE AROUSED UGLY CROWD REACTIONS,  
APARENTLY EITHER PERMITTED OR ABETTED BY SOVIET  
AUTHORITIES, AND SOME ACTS OF VIOLENCE, INCLUDING

SCUFFLE BETWEEN UNIFORMED MILITIA AND WOMEN DEMONSTRATORS REPORTED REFTEL B. DEMONSTRATION WHICH RESULTED IN SLEPAK ARREST (REF B) FEATURED, IN ADDITION TO PHYSICAL ALTERCATION WITH POLICE REFERRED TO ABOVE, NEIGHBORS OF SLEPAKS POURING HOT WATER DOWN ON THEM AND EXTREMELY UGLY CROWD THROUGH WHICH THEY WERE LED FROM BUILDING. DURING MOST RECENT DEMONSTRATION, WHICH TOOK PLACE JUNE 9 IN FRONT OF KGB HEADQUARTERS, LARGE CROWD GATHERED. ACCORDING TO BORIS KATZ, WHO PARTICIPATED IN DEMONSTRATION, SOME MEMBERS OF CROWD SCREAMED INSULTS AT DEMONSTRATORS (E.G. "HITLER DID NOT DO ENOUGH TO YOU JEWISH EXPLETIVES") AND PHYSICALLY ATTACKED FEMALE AS WELL AS MALE DEMONSTRATORS. MILITIA REPORTEDLY MADE NO HASTE TO INTERVENE TO PROTECT THEM.

2. IRINA MCCLELLAN TOLD EMBOFF THAT SHE WAS PHYSICALLY ABUSED DURING PAST WEEK BY NEIGHBORS, WHO STRUCK HER AND TORE HER BLOUSE. STILL WEARING TORN BLOUSE, SHE COMPLAINED TO MILITIA, WHO TOLD HER SHE WAS "TOO FAMOUS" FOR THEM TO INTERFERE, AND TO OVIR, WHERE SHE WAS GIVEN BRUSH-OFF.

3. CHARGES ARE STILL PENDING AGAINST MASHA SLEPAK AND IDA NUDEL AS RESULT CHILDREN'S DAY DEMONSTRATION. CONFIDENTIAL

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TION (REF B), AND ANOTHER FEMALE REFUSENIK HAS REPORTEDLY RECEIVED A FIFTEEN DAY JAIL SENTENCE.

4. AS RESULT OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS, WHICH HAVE CAST DOUBT ON EXTENT TO WHICH WOMEN WILL BE PERMITTED TO DEMONSTRATE WITHOUT REPRISALS, PREDOMINANT MOOD AMONG MEMBERS OF REFUSENIK WOMEN'S GROUP AT MOMENT SEEMS TO BE TO FOREGO PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS FOR AWHILE TO LET THINGS COOL DOWN. IRINA MCCLELLAN PLANS TO LEAVE SHORTLY FOR CRIMEA WHERE SHE WILL SPEND MOST OF SUMMER. MANY OTHER REFUSENIK FAMILIES ALSO HAVE PLANS TO VISIT RELATIVES IN OTHER CITIES, OR TO GO TO RESORT AREAS FOR PERIOD OF REST. NUMBER OF REFUSENIKS VISITING SYNAGOGUE ON SATURDAY IS DOWN SUBSTANTIALLY, FACT WHICH OTHER REFUSENIKS ATTRIBUTE TO SUMMER TRAVELS.

5. COMMENT: WHILE INFORMATION ABOVE DOES NOT RULE OUT SMALL-SCALE OR INDIVIDUAL DEMONSTRATIONS, IT DOES SUGGEST THAT RECENT SPURT OF DEMONSTRATIONS WILL PROBABLY BE FOLLOWED BY A

MONTH OR TWO OF RELATIVELY LOW ACTIVITY. WE BELIEVE THAT REFUSENIKS WILL TURN OUT, TO EXTENT PERMITTED, FOR GINZBURG AND SHCHARANSKIY TRIALS (PARTICULARLY LATTER), BUT EVEN THESE WILL ATTRACT FEWER SUPPORTERS IF, AS OUR SOURCES INDICATE, A SUBSTANTIAL PROPORTION OF MOSCOW'S REFUSENIK COMMUNITY IS AWAY WHEN TRIALS TAKE PLACE.

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6. TACTIC OF PERMITTING, OR PERHAPS ENCOURAGING, BYSTANDERS AND NEIGHBORS TO ASSAULT DEMONSTRATORS NO DOUBT SEEKS TO INSTILL FEAR WHILE AT SAME TIME LIMITING NEGATIVE REACTION IN WEST WHICH DIRECT POLICE ATTACKS WOULD AROUSE. TOON

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